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AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of June 29, 2005, and in accordance with the automatic extension of time for response provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

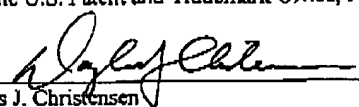
The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Amendments to the Drawings
- C. Remarks

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